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## Conservation Commission Minutes 08/20/2009

Arlington Conservation Commission  
 Minutes  
 August 20, 2009

Mr. Tirone called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were William O'Rourke, Charles Tirone, Ezra Benjamin, Ellen Reed, and Catherine Garnett of the Commission and Brian Thomas, associate member. Cori Beckwith Nathaniel Stevens and David White and of the Commission were not in attendance. Also present were Jessica Tsymbal, Ilya Tsymbal, Jim Buhrer, John McKenna, Steve Ricci, Brad Barber and Carlton Quinn.

7:45 pm - Commission Business

Ms. Reed reported that a publisher for the **Walking Book** has been identified. Walking Book assignments will be distributed.

**Town Day** is Sept 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. O'Rourke will lower the Commission sign. Mr. Tirone will oversee the Commission table in the morning and Mr. Thomas will oversee the Commission table in the afternoon. Ms. Reed will prepare a "wetland in a jar" display.

Jessica Tsymbal and Ilya Tsymbal appeared before the Commission to learn about rules and regulations regarding development of **59 Beverly Road**.

8:00 pm –**Working Session**– Spy Pond phragmites removal

Brad Barber and John McCann appeared before the Commission to discuss the approach for phragmites removal around Spy Pond. The possibility of applying for one NOI on behalf of the Town to remove phragmites in the water was discussed. Additional NOIs would be required from individual homeowners to remove phragmites on land.

Mr. Tirone expressed concerns regarding the method of herbicide application. Specifically, he was concerned with delineating the boundary between water based and land based plants, and limiting the herbicide's impacts.

8:15 pm –**Request for Determination of Applicability** – 60 Lowell St.

Carlton Quinn of Allen and Major Associates appeared before the Commission to apply for an RDA on behalf of the owners of 60 Lowell Street. The property owners proposed to replace a failing section of 60" corrugated pipe that contains Mill Brook beneath the property. The plan involves diverting Mill Brook and replacing the pipe in several 20' sections.

Mr. Benjamin, Mr. O'Rourke and others expressed numerous concerns including, but not limited to:

- Stream pumping methods and locations;
- The lack of identified means and methods to complete the project;
- Erosion controls;
- Stockpile staging;
- Excavation management;
- Construction access;
- Timelines;
- The lack of contingency plans for open excavations; and
- Downstream siltation.

Benjamin/Reed motioned to continue the hearing. Motion passed unanimously. A site walk was scheduled for 8/28/09.

Mr. Quinn will contact Ms. Beckwith to schedule a future hearing.

8:45 pm –**Request for Determination of Applicability** – Kelwyn Manor

John McKenna appeared before the Commission to apply for an RDA on behalf of Kelwyn Manor. The RDA proposed work is will allow for the maintenance of Kelwyn Manor Park, including the removal of trees that will be replaced and the clearing of brush and debris. Only hand tools will be used. If power tools are used, there will be no refueling in the buffer zone. A planting list was presented to the Commission. In the future, the residents of Kelwyn Manor may apply for another RDA to allow for long term maintenance of the park.

Reed/Benjamin motioned to approve the issue a Determination of Applicability that the work may proceed without needing to file a Notice of Intent RDA. Motion passed unanimously.

Commission Business (cont.)

Jim Buhner appeared before the Commission of obtain to request a Certificate of Compliance for **46 Pond Ln.** He will provide stamped and signed as-built drawings to the Commission for approval.

9:30 pm. Mr. Tirone moved to closed the hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ezra Benjamin  
Member